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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO-1449 with a listing of references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing on this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of said FORM PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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